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Minutes of the
Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

January 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Delaware Department of Agriculture - Conference Room

Commission Members Present

Beverly Steele	Chairman
Patt Wagner	Vice Chairman
George Staats	Commissioner
Jack Berberian	Commissioner

Others Present

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Andrew Kerber DAG, Secretary Michael Scuse, Dover Downs Vice President of Racing Charles Lockhart, Sr., Dover Downs Sr. Director of Racing John Hensley, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, Harrington Raceway Facilities Manager Karen Craft, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario and DSBF Executive Administrator Judy Davis-Wilson.

Minutes: Donna Krol

CALL TO ORDER:

At 10:05 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public minutes from the December 11, 2018 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele entertained a motion to approve the public minutes as presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

Rules Committee Meeting outcome:

1. All parties agree that an Outrider is needed at both Dover Downs and Harrington. The tracks are working together on this issue and will continue to do so.
2. DHRC Rule 8.3.5.9.4.2 rule change proposed by Sal DiMario. This discussion will continue at the next Rules Meeting scheduled for 3-5-19. Two Trainers and DHRC Vets will also attend this meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Dalare Lab :

The Dalare Lab contract is now up for review. (This is done every 5 years by State rule) The DHRC has decided to extend the contract through at least 7-31-2019. RFP's (Request for Proposals) will be sent out within the next 60 days. Return Bids will be reviewed and we plan to have a new lab contract in place by August 1, 2019.

Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian:

Executive Director: Activity Summary Report

Mark Davis reviewed the Activity Summary Report's provided to the Commission. Report covers the time period of December 1 through December 31, 2018.

Racing statistics: June

Total # of Live Racing Days = 12

Total # Live Races = 156

Average # Races per Day = 13

Total # of Starters = 1,308

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 84.9%

*Delaware Owned now includes horses that are full/partially owned or trained by Delaware residents.

License statistics:

Total # licenses issued = 54

Total Monthly = \$6,575.00/YTD Total = \$108,270.00

(Total Monthly figures include Licenses, Fingerprints, Appeals and Fines)

Personnel Activities:

N/A

Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:

Commission Meeting 12-11-18

Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # of Rulings: 4

Total fine amount: \$2,000.00

Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # Human Drug Tests = 13

Positive result: One, Driver: Jason Green

Total # Breathalyzer tests = 567 average 47/day, Positive result – None

Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 9

Fingerprints processed= 8

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Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:

Reported by: Mark Davis
Total # of starters = 1,308
Post- Race Testing:
158 Blood samples were collected.
133 Urine samples
25 incomplete collections (no urine)
Catch Rate = 84.4%, average time per catch was 34.1 minutes
Cobalt Analysis: 20 Pre Race samples collected
Judge's Special Tests: 1
Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None
Accident On/Off Track: Off Track none, On Track none

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:

NONE

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT Requests:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

CLOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

With no further public business to discuss, Chairman Steele made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Motion was carried by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Liguori.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Next Rules Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 11:00AM

Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 1:00pm